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SUBJECT: DAVIES TRIAL: REDUCTION OF DEFENDANTS' SENTENCES

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1. ON MARCH 17 THE GOC SUPREME COURT REDUCED TO THREE YEARS THE JAIL SENTENCES PASSED ON KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS, THE TWO GREEK CYPRIOTS FOUND GUILTY OF CARRYING AND USING ARMS OUTSIDE THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN AUGUST 1974, WHEN AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS KILLED.

2. THE SUPREME COURT ACCEPTED THE TWO MEN'S APPEAL " IN PART." IN ITS RESERVED RULING, THE COURT SAID THAT THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED BY THE PROSECUTION WAS CONTRADICTORY AND THEREFORE NOT SAFE. THE COURT ALSO FOUND THAT THE DEFENDANTS WERE ALSO CORRECTLY CONVICTED OF BEARING ARMS NOT IN THE NORMAL EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES, BUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TURKISH INVASION, THE SENTENCE FOR THE CARRYING ARMS CHARGE WAS "EXCESSIVE."

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3. SEVERAL DAILIES REPORT THAT IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S GENERAL REMISSION OF SENTENCES GRANTED ON HIS INVESTITURE INTO OFFICE FOR THE NEW FIVE-YEAR TERM, KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS WILL BE RELEASED IN AUGUST. OUR CALCULATIONS SUPPORT THIS.

4. COMMENT: SUPREME COURT RULING MEANS THAT THE TWO

PERSONS WHO WERE ALMOST WITHOUT A DOUBT INVOLVED IN THE
DAVIES KILLING WILL HAVE SERVED ONLY 18 MONTHS IN PRISON
WHEN RELEASED.
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